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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON UTILIZATION OF FULL TWO MILLION
FOR RELIEF IN LEBANON, REF, PARA 12) ICRC HAS NOW
PROVIDE MISSION FOLLOWING FIGURES:

A. EXPENSES INCURRED FROM BEGINNING OF OPERATION

UNTIL JANUARY 31, 1976:

1. OPERATIONAL 216,000 SF

2. RELIEF-2,541,000 SF

TOTAL: 2,757,000 SF

B. REGULAR MONTHLY BUDGET, BEGINNING FEB. 1, 1976:

1. OPERATIONS 90,000 SF

2. HOSPITAL-500,000 SF (INCL. SALARIES FOR
EUROPEAN PERSONNEL)

TOTAL: 590,000 SF

C. EXPENSES ANTICIPATED UNTIL APRIL 30, 1976:

2,757,000 SF

1,770,000 SF (3 X 590,000)

TOTAL: 4,527,000 SF (US\$1,741,000)

D. REMAINDER FOR NECESSARY EMERGENCY ACTIVITIES:

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US\$259,000 (BLANKETS, FOOD, ETCML

E. CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED:

1. CASH: 1,407,000 SF
 2. IN KIND: 905,000 SF
 3. CONTRIBUTION OF SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES FOR THE HOSPITAL 240,000 SF
- TOTAL: 2,552,000 (US\$981,000)
- F. SHORTFALL- 2,648,000 SF OR US\$1,018,000

2. IN TELECON THIS AFTERNOON, CONVERS ADVISED THAT ICRC PLANNED TO USE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THIS APPEAL TO FUND MEDICAL PROJECTS, RELYING UPON RESPONSE FROM ARAB COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE FOOD. HE ADDED THAT ICRC HAD JUST LEARNED THAT LEBANESE AMBASSADOR HAD PRESENTED APPEAL TO EEC WITHIN PAST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS FOR MEDICINE AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES VALUED AT SOME \$700,000.

3. IF ICRC HAD SUFFICIENT FUNDS FROM CURRENT APPEAL, IT WOULD FUND THREE MEDICAL TEAMS REQUESTED BY LEBANESE GOVERNMENT PLUS FIELD DISPENSARIES AND OUT-PATIENT CLINICS. THESE WOULD COST \$60,000 PER MONTH (150,000 SF) FOR PERSONNEL AND \$270,000 PER MONTH (700,000 SF) FOR MATERIAL, OR A TOTAL OF \$330,000 PER MONTH. IN ADDITION, CONVERS SAID THAT ICRC ESTIMATED 30,000 BLANKETS WERE URGENTLY NEEDED AT A VALUE OF 10 SF EACH.

4. IN RESPONSE TO SECOND QUESTION, CONVERS SAID THAT ICRC NEEDED TWENTY TONS OF BABY FOOD TO MEET CURRENT DEMANDS IN LEBANON. BRUNGART

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